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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending May 24, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 24, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 48 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 59.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Calhoun to 73.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 75.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Mooringsport to 91.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Torrential rainfall throughout much of the state, with the highest concentration in the north central part of the state with an average of 4.29 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 24, 2015

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, emerged	100	99	100	100
Corn, silked	4	0	0	19
Cotton, planted	88	84	89	90
Cotton, emerged	63	43	77	75
Hay, first cutting	45	36	60	65
Rice, planted	99	98	99	99
Rice, emerged	96	92	96	96
Sorghum, planted	98	97	99	98
Sorghum, emerged	93	86	85	92
Soybeans, planted	83	79	90	81
Soybeans, emerged	75	60	76	70
Sweet Potatoes, planted	14	13	11	21
Winter Wheat, coloring	92	87	91	95
Winter Wheat, harvested	23	11	15	39

Crop condition for week ending May 24, 2015

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	3	39	47	11
Cotton	2	3	24	53	18
Livestock	1	3	35	52	9
Pasture	1	8	34	46	11
Rice	0	5	27	56	12
Sorghum	6	11	41	41	1
Soybeans	2	7	48	32	11
Sugarcane	1	4	30	49	16
Vegetables	3	17	37	40	3
Winter Wheat	3	18	41	37	1

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Little field work this past week due to wet conditions. Wheat harvest will begin as soon as it dries out.”

–Carol Pinnell, Franklin Parish

“Wheat harvest has halted and what's left is losing quality fast with the heavy rain received recently. Late soybean planting correlates with the inability to harvest wheat in double-cropped fields. Recent flooding has shown effect on grain sorghum and soybeans in some fields.”

– Justin Dufour, Avoyelles Parish

“Daily scattered showers has slowed fieldwork. Soybean producers trying to get water off fields and hopefully dry up to apply herbicides. Not much planting progress this week. Rice producers continue to apply herbicides and fertilizer when fields dry. Still seeing some leaf blast in Jupiter and CL151. Older rice is at or approaching midseason.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Parishes

“Rains at start of week delayed field work, but field conditions improved by end of week allowing sugarcane to be fertilized and for lay-by to continue. Sugarcane and soybeans as well as livestock are advancing nicely despite all the rain areas have received during the past few weeks. High amount of rain hurting gardens and delaying soybean planting and bailing of hay.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Cattlemen fertilizing pastures, cutting hay, crawfish producers still catching nice crawfish, vegetable producers selling vegetable, sugarcane and soybean farmers working crops.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 24, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	79.6	61.9	70.7	73.2	-2.5	4.92	3	3.97	8.40	4.23
Mooringsport	75.2	63.0	69.1	73.7	-4.7	0.59	3	-0.14	6.74	3.32
Red River	78.8	65.2	72.0	74.9	-2.6	NA	0	NA	6.74	2.76
Shreveport Sthrn Hills	79.6	62.3	70.9	73.8	-2.9	NA	3	-0.29	3.06	-0.74
Extreme/Average	78.3	63.1	70.7	73.9	-3.2	2.75	3	1.18	6.24	2.39
North Central										
Calhoun	80.0	59.4	69.7	72.5	-2.7	NA	0	NA	12.40	7.89
Farmerville	78.4	61.9	70.1	73.2	-3.1	NA	0	NA	6.34	1.11
Homer	79.2	59.5	69.3	71.5	-2.3	4.29	3	3.72	8.72	6.83
Extreme/Average	79.2	60.3	69.7	72.4	-2.7	4.29	3	3.72	9.15	5.28
Northeast										
Lake Providence	79.9	61.7	70.8	74.2	-3.4	2.70	3	1.54	3.11	1.25
St Joseph	83.4	64.6	74.0	75.7	-1.5	3.39	2	2.63	4.35	0.61
Tallulah	81.9	63.4	72.6	74.4	-1.7	4.08	4	2.88	4.73	0.27
Winnsboro	82.6	62.2	72.4	75.1	-2.4	4.33	3	3.51	6.70	2.53
Extreme/Average	82.0	63.0	72.5	74.8	-2.3	3.63	4	2.64	4.72	1.17
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	73.2	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	81.3	67.0	74.2	75.1	-0.4	2.67	4	2.24	7.11	3.52
Leesville	82.6	65.0	73.8	74.3	-0.5	3.29	3	2.18	7.36	3.23
Natchitoches	79.3	63.4	71.4	75.7	-4.3	6.39	3	5.47	8.98	5.03
Extreme/Average	81.1	65.1	73.1	74.6	-1.8	4.12	4	3.30	7.82	3.93
Central										
Alexandria	82.4	64.7	73.6	75.9	-2.4	NA	0	NA	7.96	3.94
Bunkie	84.6	66.4	75.5	75.9	-0.4	2.25	4	1.06	4.49	0.28
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	77.6	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	82.3	64.0	73.1	75.5	-2.4	5.64	5	4.61	7.63	3.72
New Roads	85.3	65.3	75.3	76.2	-0.8	0.94	6	0.05	5.79	1.72
Extreme/Average	83.7	83.7	74.4	76.2	-1.5	2.94	6	1.91	6.47	2.28
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.78	3	-0.32	4.09	-0.41
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	75.3	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.79	3	NA	4.78	NA
Slidell	85.3	68.5	76.9	NA	NA	0.18	3	NA	3.04	NA
Extreme/Average	85.3	68.5	76.9	75.3	NA	0.92	3	-0.32	3.97	-0.41
Southwest										
Crowley	85.0	69.2	77.1	76.9	0.5	0.95	6	0.13	6.97	2.80
DeRidder	82.3	63.1	72.7	75.7	-3.0	1.02	1	-0.09	3.68	-0.72
Jennings	85.0	67.4	76.2	76.5	-0.3	1.31	4	0.21	4.57	0.47
Oberlin Fire	84.0	66.2	75.1	75.6	-0.3	3.13	4	2.28	6.68	2.37
Extreme/Average	84.1	66.5	75.3	76.2	-0.8	1.60	6	0.63	5.47	1.23
South Central										
Donaldsonville	87.3	69.7	78.5	76.2	2.3	1.60	4	0.59	5.13	1.29
Jeanerette	87.0	69.8	78.4	76.7	1.9	0.73	3	0.04	3.38	-0.09
Lafayette	84.8	71.2	78.0	76.1	1.9	1.77	2	0.86	7.26	3.94
Morgan City	85.6	71.3	78.4	76.5	1.9	0.30	3	-0.62	4.08	0.53
Extreme/Average	86.2	70.5	78.3	76.4	2.0	1.10	4	0.22	4.96	1.42
Southeast										
Galliano	84.6	73.0	78.8	6.9	1.9	0.69	4	-0.37	3.95	0.42
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.70	3	0.74	5.03	1.27
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	91.2	71.2	81.3	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	2.54	NA
Extreme/Average	87.9	72.1	80.0	76.9	1.9	1.19	4	0.18	3.84	0.84
State	83.2	66.0	74.6	75.3	-0.9	2.48	4	1.48	5.88	2.01

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.